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Applicants : Takeshi MASAKI et al.

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For : MICRO ELECTRO DISCHARGE MACHINING METHOD AND APPARATUS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of June 4, 2003, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on September 4, 2003, and which has been extended, by the herein enclosed Request for Extension of Time, the period to expire on October 6, 2003 (October 4, 2003 being a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections together with an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application in due course.

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Response.